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SUBJECT: MARCH 27 DRC EXAMINATION OF NATO FORCE PROPOSALS/GOALS-
CANADA

REF: A. ANNEX 2 TO APPENDIX D TO ENCLOSURE 1 TO MCM-14-74.

B. STATE 60559 (NOTAL).

SUMMARY. DRC ON MARCH 27 ADDRESSED NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES
1975-80 FORCE PROPOSALS FOR CANADA. CANADIAN REP ACCEPTED
ESSENTIALLY ALL OF THE NMA PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH DRC MODIFIED
A NUMBER OF THEM, INCLUDING SOME OF THE US PRIORITY PROPOSALS.
MODIFICATIONS MOVED PROPOSALS CLOSER TO COUNTRY PLANS. CHAIRMAN
EMPHASIZED THAT PROPOSALS ARE WELL WITHIN
CANADA'S ECONOMIC REACH. END SUMMARY.

1. DRC ON MARCH 27 UNDERTOOK TO CONVERT NMA'S FORCE PROPOSALS
FOR CANADA INTO DRAFT 1975-80 FORCE GOALS. CANADIAN REGULAR DRC
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REP (COL SHEFFIELD), WHO WAS NOT REINFORCED WITH EXPERTS FROM
OTTAWA (A FACT REGRETTED BY CHAIRMAN), ACCEPTED TOTAL NMA'S
FORCE PROPOSAL PACKAGE. US REP (CLINARD) PRESSED FOR FULL
ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED IN STATE 60559,

BUT A NUMBER OF US PRIORITY PROPOSALS WERE MODIFIED AT CANADIAN REP'S INSISTENCE. HOWEVER, DRC MAINTAINED GENERAL THRUST OF US RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. IN GENERAL, CANADIAN REP SUPPORTED INCLUSION OF ALL EW PROPOSALS AS REASONABLE CHALLENGES EVEN WHEN NOT IN COUNTRY PLANS (EXCEPT FOR EW EQUIPMENT ON OLDER F-104 AIRCRAFT) ON BASIS THAT CANADA ATTACHES A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE TO EW IMPROVEMENTS; HOWEVER, HE ADDED IMPLEMENTATION DEPENDS PARTIALLY ON STATE OF THE ART. US REP MADE POINT IN STATE 60559 THAT PREFERENCE FOR PROVISIONS OF EW EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO NEWER MODEL AIRCRAFT. DRC DISCUSSED AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH REPLACEMENT OF CF-104 AIRCRAFT AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO CF-104S CURRENTLY STATIONED IN EUROPE. CANADIAN REP INDICATED THAT CF-104 WILL NOT BE REPLACED BEFORE EARLY 1980'S, AND THAT CANADA IS PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS AMONG NATO ALLIES FOR A JOINT F-104 REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. DRC MODIFIED SERIAL 1A03 TO READ BEGIN REPLACEMENT OF EUROPEAN BASED CF-104S (WITH NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO YEAR); OTHER PARTS OF SERIAL 1A03 BEING MODIFIED SO THAT PROPOSAL ONLY APPLIES TO REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT.

3. CANADIAN REP ACCEPTED SERIAL 1A04A, BUT INSISTED THAT CANADIAN VERSION OF F-104 COULD NOT CARRY BOTH ECM PODS AND ARMAMENTS. HE SAID CANADA HAD CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE STUDIES ON FEASIBILITY OF CARRY BOTH ECM AND MODERN ARMAMENTS, THAT CANADA DID NOT DENY THERE WAS AN ECM REQUIREMENT, BUT SINCE GUN INSTALLATION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY THERE IS NO PRACTICAL WAY TO INCLUDE BOTH. MILITARY REPS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO INCLUDE ECM ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT (FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OUT OF FOUR) AT EXPENSE OF ARMAMENTS. HENCE, DRC REVISED SERIAL 1A04B TO READ TO INVESTIGATE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING SELECTED EUROPEAN BASED CG-104 WITH ECM EQUIPMENT; DRC RETAINED ECM EQUIPMENT PROPOSAL FOR REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT. DRC DROPPED PRECISE TIMING REQUIREMENT IN SERIALS 1A04C AND D.

4. CANADIAN REP ACCEPTED A NUMBER OF LAND PROPOSALS
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WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION HE POINTED OUT IS CONTINGENT ON OUTCOME OF CANADIAN STUDY ON POST-1974 LAND FORCE STRUCTURE FOR EUROPE; STUDY IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER. FOLLOWING LENGTHY DISCUSSION, DRC ADDED LANGUAGE QUOTE INCLUDING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CENTURION TANK AFTER 1976 END QUOTE TO SERIAL 1L17. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS AND NMA REPS SAID SPIRIT OF PROPOSAL COULD ONLY BE MET BY REPLACEMENT OF CENTURION TANK. CANADIAN REP COMMENTED THAT IN RESPONSE TO SACEUR'S STRONG REPRESENTATIONS, CANADA IS RETAINING CENTURION TANK IN SERVICE IN EUROPE UNTIL 1976 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROPOSAL IS CONTINGENT ON LAND FORCE STUDY. HE "NOTED" ADDITION OF ABOVE QUOTED LANGUAGE.

5. DRC MODIFIED SLIGHTLY SEVERAL OTHER US PRIORITY PROPOSALS:

SERIAL 2M02: DRC DROPPED REQUIREMENT FOR 6 MPA FOR CUSRPG, BECAUSE NMA'S PROPOSALS DO NOT COVER CUSRPG REQUIREMENTS. CANADIAN REP SAID ARGUS MPA WILL BE REPLACED; PRECISE TYPE AND NUMBERS NOT YET DECIDED.

SERIAL 2M13: MODIFIED TO APPLY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION ESCORTS (SEE SERIAL 2M03), SINCE CANADA HAS NO INTENTION OF EQUIPPING RECENTLY INTRODUCED HELICOPTER DESTROYERS (DDH) WITH THIS MISSILE SYSTEM. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT WITHOUT CAPABILITY OF THIS SORT, CANADA WOULD HAVE TO RELY ON OTHER NATIONS FOR AREA AIR DEFENSE.

SERIAL 1A01: ADJUSTED TO READ BY 1978.

SERIAL 1A02: MODIFIED TO READ QUOTE PROVIDE MEDIUM RANGE AIR DEFENSE FOR EACH OF THE TWO AIR BASES END QUOTE. CANADIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES DO NOT CHALLENGE NEED FOR AIR BASE DEFENSE, BUT QUESTION CONCEPTUAL APPROACH OF SAM-LO AT EACH AIR BASE.

SERIAL 1A17: MODIFIED TO READ QUOTE CONSIDER PROVISION OF SHELTERS FOR BALANCE (30 PERCENT) OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT END QUOTE. CANADIAN REP AGREED RELUCTANTLY TO INCLUSION OF THIS PROPOSAL, SINCE AIRCRAFT ARE NEVER 100 PERCENT SERVICEABLE AND CANADA HAS SUCCESSFULLY EXPERIMENTED WITH PUTTING MORE THAN
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ON CG-104 IN A SINGLE SHELTER. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT CANADA HAS NO INTENTION OF USING NATIONAL FUNDS FOR PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SHELTERS.

6. ONLY OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PROPOSALS WERE ADDITION OF QUOTE DURING THEIR MID-LIFE CONVERSION END QUOTE TO SERIAL 2M07 AND INTRODUCTORY WORDS QUOTE BEGIN INSTALLATION OF END QUOTE TO SERIAL 2M11.

7. CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED THAT FORCE PROPOSALS ARE WELL WITHIN CANADA'S ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES. US REP SAID US CALCULATIONS SUPPORTED CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. CANADIAN REP SAID MANPOWER CONSIDERATIONS HINDERED IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVERAL PROPOSALS, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED MAJORITY OF PROPOSALS DEALT WITH EQUIPMENT RATHER THAN MANPOWER. CANADIAN REP SAID COUNTRY CHAPTER DID NOT ADEQUATELY REFLECT POSITIVE IMPACT OF NEW CANADIAN 5-YEAR DEFENSE FINANCING FORMULA AND HE WOULD BE OFFERING (OUTSIDE OF COMMITTEE) SUGGESTED LANGUAGE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INCREASED POTENTIAL FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS.
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